

REMARKS

Claims 28, 41, 75-93 and 95-109 were pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, claims 41, 87-93, 95 and 96 are being canceled. No other amendments or newly added claims are presented. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, claims 28, 75-86, 97-109 are pending and under consideration.

The status identifiers used in the amendment presented above indicate that claims 78, 79, 81, 85, 86, 101, 102, 104, 108 and 109 are withdrawn. This designation is based on the status of said claims according to the Office Action dated August 17, 2007. Because the present restriction requirement does not reiterate that said claims stand withdrawn, the Office is requested to clarify the status of said claims in its next communication.

All amendments and cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant explicitly retains the right to pursue any deleted subject matter in one or more continuation applications. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

Election:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 28, 75-86 and 97-109 without traverse. As noted above, non-elected claims 41, 87-93, 95 and 96 have been canceled.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If any issues remain that can be resolved by phone, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (781) 271-0008.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (order no. BP0206US-CN1). Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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